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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, August 18, 2013.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 18, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 23**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 18, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 23**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 18, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 23**, with the following restrictions:

Kupreanof Island Shoreline: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed west of a line from the District 10 boundary one nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to Hungry Point;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island to the northern end of Coney Island to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 18, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 22**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: waters of Port Snettisham and the Speel Arm SHA will be closed south and east of a line from Sentinel Point to a point on the eastern shoreline at 58°01.45' N. latitude, 133°45.35' W. longitude, and north of the latitude of Bride Point at 58°06.61' N. latitude;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed.

Section 11-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 18, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 22**.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 18, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 22**, in the waters of Lynn Canal with the following restrictions:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude from the northernmost tip of Kochu Island at 59°09.04' N. latitude;

Chilkoot Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59°09.05' N. latitude.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 18, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 22**.

**Section 15-C (Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area): will close 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 22, in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of Lance Point, south to a point 2.4 nautical miles north of Point Whidbey. The waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area west of a regulatory marker at the entrance to Boat Harbor will remain open until further notice.**

King salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. King salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaskan allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. The department discontinued the use of species code 411 beginning in 2012 to account for small king salmon in drift gillnet fisheries and instead will rely on ADF&G port sampling programs for that purpose. For drift gillnet fisheries, only species code 410 should be used to report king salmon of all sizes. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared king salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaskan share of the harvest.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S4813.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates  
Statistical Week 33 (August 11 through August 17)  
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 15, 2013

District	NUMBER OF SALMON						Boats	Days Open
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
Section 1-B	10	600	2,000	85,000	10,000	97,610	40	5
District 6	20	1,000	10,000	100,000	4,000	115,020	62	5
District 8	30	400	6,000	30,000	11,000	47,430	62	5
District 11	20	6,000	6,500	7,000	2,500	22,020	55	4
District 15	11	10,000	760	2,400	6,300	19,471	45	4
Deep Inlet THA	0	0	300	5,300	40,000	45,600	85	2
Total	91	18,000	25,560	229,700	73,800	347,151	349	

District	FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD					
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
Section 1-B	0	15	50	2,125	250	2,440
District 6	0	16	161	1,613	65	1,855
District 8	0	6	97	484	177	765
District 11	0	109	118	127	45	400
District 15	0	222	17	53	140	433
Deep Inlet THA	0	0	4	62	471	536

District 6 and 8 harvest estimates are for 4 days.

District 15 harvest estimate is for 3 days.

Anita Bay THA: cumulative harvest of 48,000 chum salmon and 500 coho salmon.

Nakat Inlet THA: cumulative harvest of 78,000 chum salmon.

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